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HEADLINES

School Board Award

Troy Buck, an agriculture teacher at Centerpoint High School in Amity, has been awarded the Dr. Dan Pilkinton Award for Outstanding Service to Public Education.

The award is the highest honor given by the Arkansas School Boards Association.

Buck, who has been teaching for 45 years, has the largest FFA chapter in Arkansas and has been recognized twice by his peers as Outstanding Teacher. He also started an innovative school-supported meat lab, the only one of its kind in the state.

"Mr. Buck is one of the most community-minded individuals I know," Marion Fletcher, state FFA adviser at the Department of Workforce Education, said. "I have observed him taking dollars from his own pockets for various functions. He is a true leader and friend of our young people and the people of his community."

FFA Grant Winner

Nicholas Morris Bryant of Bono was one of 20 FFA students nationwide to win a \$500 grant from Akey through the national FFA organization.

A member of the Greene County Tech II FFA Chapter in Paragould, Bryant was given the grant to improve his Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) swine production project. All FFA students are required to complete an SAE project.

Amie Busby is Bryant's agricultural education instructor.

New Hosting Service

As a result of an RFP process, the Office of Assessment and Curriculum will be working with Questionmark as the new host of its testing site.

Karen Chisholm, who supervised the RFP process, attended a Questionmark seminar this past week in Chicago. The seminar addressed a range of issues related to the sound and effective use of assessment in business, training, and education.

ACTE Convention

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) held its national convention and Career Tech Expo in Las Vegas this past week.

Several DWE staff members attended the three-day event.

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LOOKING AHEAD

NGA Workforce Policy Forum

The National Governors Association (NGA) will hold its 2004-05 Workforce Policy Forum in Miami Jan. 10-12.

The forum will focus on how states can enable the development of an innovation-ready workforce.

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